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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (EPA-HQ-2015-005468) –
EPA-OIG Final Disposition Letter

Dear Mr. Pearson:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act request to the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General dated March 21, 2015, seeking disclosure of “copies of all email documents provided by the US Chemical Safety Board to the Office of the Inspector General for the preparation of the report ... [for case number] OI-AR-2013-ADM-0068.”

After conducting a search for records based on the information you provided in your FOIA request, we identified 587 pages of potentially responsive documents. Because these documents originated with the US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (US CSB), they have been referred to the US CSB for their release determinations, and the US CSB will respond to you directly. If you have questions about the US CSB response to the above-referenced FOIA request, please contact Michele Bouziane, at the US CSB, at 202-261-7619.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may appeal this decision to the Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code (2411T), Washington, D.C. 20460 or via email at oig_foia@epa.gov. The appeal must be made in writing and must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter and envelope should include the FOIA tracking number listed above and be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from either the EPA FOIA Public Liaison (hq.foia@epa.gov; 202-566-1667) or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). OGIS serves as a bridge between FOIA requesters and agencies and can be reached by email at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 1-877-684-6448, or by fax at (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact Scott Levine, EPA OIG FOIA Officer, at (202) 566-1512 or oig_foia@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Barvenik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Susan Barvenik
Associate Counsel